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LOU WALKER SHOTS A RABBIT.  
WHILE HIS WIFE SHOTS HIM.

The Carson Appeal thinks Lou Walker  
was joking about a church service. It  
says: When a town gets so wordy that  
Lou Walker thinks a church ought to be  
started, it must really need one. The  
Appeal man has known Lou for many  
years as a miserable sinner, but as kind-  
hearted and honest a man as lives. In  
prosperity and adversity, in rain or  
shine, he is the same two-and-four-  
pence all the while. It is a real oratorical  
treat to hear the man swear. Many  
years ago, when Lou owned a ranch on  
the Hounout, near Marysville, the Ap-  
pel man spent a couple of weeks with  
him. When the air was soft and balmy  
in the afternoon, Lou would insist on  
getting all hands out in the woods to  
hunt jack rabbits, thousands of which  
abound in that section. His wife would  
generally go along to see the fun, and  
her sisters, cousins, and aunts would  
join in the crowd, to laugh at the mis-  
adventures whenever they missed a shot. One  
day Lou saw a jack rabbit over a hun-  
dred yards away, and said he would  
crawl up on it and kill it. He stole up  
into a clump of trees and was crawling  
on his hands and knees, about seven-  
ty yards away, when his wife began to  
inquire about the size of the shot in the  
reporter's gun. Ascertaining that it was  
loaded with fine bird shot, she secured  
the loan of it, and resting over a log,  
turned loose upon the broad target pre-  
sented. Lou was far enough away to be  
safe, and had on thick corduroy pants.  
He had just fired on the jack-rabbit and  
laid him out when the shot struck him.  
The two explosions were almost simul-  
taneous, and Lou bounded into the air  
like a rosbuck. When he came down the  
silent woods resounded with a blas-  
phemous boom which frightened the game  
for miles around. Mrs. W. handed the  
reporter the gun, and when her husband  
came fuming back to the crowd, assured  
him that she hadn't fired the shot.

The circumstantial evidence against  
the reporter, with a smoking gun in his  
hand, was so strong that he was obliged  
to run for his life. The shot, however,  
had not penetrated the skin, and Lou,  
with his usual good nature, was himself  
again in half an hour, and laughing as  
heartily as the rest. Those who ever  
visited Walker's ranch as it used to be  
years ago, will often look back upon his  
open-hearted hospitality, and never cease  
to recollect the good old time they had  
there in the days gone by.

FASTNESS OF TIME.—Prof. Proctor is  
delivering a series of lectures in New  
York on the marvels of creation as  
revealed by the latest results of astron-  
omical researches. In his last lecture  
he declared that a difficulty at the out-  
set consists in determining the duration  
of the earth, nor are the numbers we  
deal with to be all together relied on;  
still it seems clear from researches of  
geologists into the earth strata and into  
the effects of subterranean denudation that  
during 100,000,000 years the earth has  
been exposed to such heat and light as  
the sun at present pours upon her.  
From the experiment of Biehoff it seems  
that the preceding stage during which  
the earth was cooling from 2,000 de-  
grees C to 200 degrees C lasted 350,000-  
900 years, and the preceding stage dur-  
ing which it was forming lasted during  
indefinite lengths of time. We deduce  
from all our knowledge of the subject,  
said the lecturer, that the earth is, at  
the least, 500,000,000 years old, the prin-  
ciple underlying our calculation is that  
the larger a globe is the longer is the  
stage of its cooling. Adopting this plan  
as to Jupiter, it will be 3,500,000,000  
years before he will reach earth's stage  
and it will take the sun ten times as  
long, or 35,000,000,000 years, to become  
as cool as the earth, whereas the moon  
was in the same state as our earth 420-  
000,000 years ago.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY IN MAINE.—  
The Warden of the State Prison at Ban-  
gor, Me., recently related a curious story.  
A young woman who served out a sen-  
tence of five years found means of  
education, and becoming thoroughly re-  
formed and a Christian, left the prison  
in appearance a lady. She was employed  
by a dry goods firm in Portland as sales-  
woman, and gave perfect satisfaction to  
her employers, till one day a wealthy  
lady of the place entered the store and  
recognized her. Calling the proprietor  
aside, she told him that the girl had  
been in the State Prison. He replied  
that he knew it, but that she had done  
her duty faithfully, and that they were  
well satisfied with her. "Well," said  
the lady, "if you keep her in your store  
I will neither trade with you myself nor  
suffer any of my friends to, if I can help  
it." So the proprietor, rather than lose  
his customer, called in the poor girl and  
discharged her.

A Georgia paper asserts that Stephens  
and Tombs dislike Tilden so much that  
they would prefer Grant as President.

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THE "MINERAL QUEEN."

[Virginia Enterprise.]

At the instigation of a large stock-  
holder Mrs. Ricketts, the Mineral Queen,  
yesterday visited the North Bonanza and  
Flower mines. She had never seen the  
ground before, and Superintendent Jack-  
son—though he afforded her every  
facility desired and guided her through  
the mine—told her nothing about the  
places where deposits of ore were known  
to exist. Mrs. Ricketts was very correct  
in the guesses she made underground  
and at the old surface works. On the  
surface she outlined a large ore body.  
She carries a divining rod of her own  
invention, but says it is only for the  
facility it affords in tracing ore bodies,  
as she claims to experience certain pecu-  
liar sensations without the aid of ap-  
paratus of any kind when near large  
mineral deposits. In passing over  
ground she will say: "It's of no use to  
go this way!" or "there is nothing  
here," "we have passed along to where  
there is nothing at all," etc., not using  
the rod at all. Again, she will suddenly  
halt, place the magic rod in position and  
dart off along the ground through the  
brush and over rocks at such a rate of  
speed as to leave all masculine experts  
in the rear. When she strikes the  
trail she pursues it in a way that would  
make old Al Peck sick. The little  
woman would do well in a walking  
match. She has great power of endur-  
ance, and shows no fear of going any-  
where in a mine. She is evidently a  
believer in herself and is very decided in  
her assertions. When disputed she  
simply says: "What you say may be  
true, but I am not influenced—there  
seems to be no attraction here." She is  
probably as good as any of the mineral  
divines; then the "Mineral Queen,"  
like the "Washoe Seers" (Mrs.  
Bowers), is a home production, there-  
fore is entitled to as much consideration  
as a foreign prognosticator, if only for  
the style and vim she displays when on  
the track of a bonanza.

CAN A DIAMOND BE BROKEN.—Among  
the many extravagant things which Pliny  
tells us is his remark that certain dia-  
monds have such excessive hardness  
that when struck upon an iron anvil,  
the hammer and anvil are torn asunder.  
Yet he coolly asserts that such stones  
can be subdued by digestion in goat's  
blood, provided that the curious solvent  
be warm. Without going to this height  
of extravagance, many believe, even  
nowadays, that a true diamond will re-  
sist the blow of a hammer. This popu-  
lar error arises from confounding hard-  
ness with toughness—two physical  
properties which are entirely distinct.  
A piece of gutta-serena, for example, is  
so tough that it can be torn asunder with  
difficulty, yet so soft that it can be in-  
dentured with the finger nail. On the  
other hand, the diamond is so hard that  
no other substance is capable of scratch-  
ing it, yet so brittle that the "Regent"  
itself might be shattered into fragments  
by dropping it on the ground from the  
height of only a few feet.—[Science of  
Art.]

On Tuesday, about eleven o'clock, a  
young man named Chas. Farns was shot  
while on his way from Ross' ranch to  
Downtown. He was carrying a plough on  
his shoulders, which he laid down in  
order to rest himself. While standing  
there, some would-be assassin fired at  
him some of the shot taking effect in his  
arm, and some striking a well-filled  
money purse, which he carried in his  
pocket. It is not the first time that  
money has saved a human life, but we  
can't help but smile to think how the  
shot would have penetrated our flank  
under like circumstances.—[Angels  
Echo.]

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be short so those requiring my atten-

tion will have no time to lose.

myself F. C. NICHOLS, Dentist.

Delinquent Sale Notice.

Mayflower Silver Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, San

Francisco, California; location of works, Bristol

Mining District, Lincoln County, Nevada.—Noti-

ce: There is delinquent upon the following de-

scribed stock, on account of assessment (No. 3)

levied on the ninth day of October, 1879, the

several amounts set opposite the names of the

respective shareholders, as follows:

No. No. Certificate. Shares. Amt.

J. M. Day..... 6 50 50

J. W. Pew, trustee..... 19 500 50

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